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MEDICAL FACILITIES TO DIABETIC PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the number of diabetic patients in the country is increasing day by day particularly in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey to find out the total number of diabetic patients in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to curb the steep rise in diabetic patients;

(f) the total amount earmarked in the Budget to fight the disease in each State ; and

(g) the details of hospitals in which the diabetic patients can get free treatment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (g) According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) there is epidemiological evidence showing increase in prevalence of diabetes particularly in urban areas of the country. According to the revised estimates of the World Health Organisation (WHO), there are 32 million diabetics in the country. WHO has projected 80 million diabetics in India by 2030.

The epidemiological evidence showing increase in prevalence of diabetes particularly in urban areas of the country is probably because of ageing, unhealthy diet, obesity, sedentary life style and better detection facilities.

Diabetes treatment is done at all levels in the rural health care delivery system and urban health care institutions. Since diabetes is a life style related disease, it is very important to adopt preventive life style intervention for control of diabetes among children and adults in the country. These interventions are emphasised through information, education & communication activities of the Government including through Central Health Education Bureau. This component has been incorporated in the National Programme for Control of Diabetes & Cardio Vascular Diseases (CVD) for which this Ministry has sought in principle approval from the Planning Commission.